

## **Hearing The True Voice Of God**

### **Bible Study – Pastor Charles A. Hall – April 18, 2024**

**Spirit means:** Breath; In the New Testament the term spirit is seen as that dimension of human personality whereby our relationship with God is possible

- **Mark 2:8** And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

**Flesh means:** The fleshy part of an animal, including that of man; Flesh represents all that is natural, earthly, and human, while spirit signifies all that is supernatural, heavenly and divine. In the bible, flesh often refers to all people, everyone, human being are flesh and blood. Flesh is used interchangeably with soul and body and credited with the emotion and responses of the whole person.

- **Genesis 2:21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Over the past few weeks we have devoted much time to understanding biblically how to speak to God, and how biblically God speaks to us. This lesson deals with how we hear and how we detect the true voice of God. Believers hear the voice of God by several ways, reading and studying the bible, spending time in prayer, and talking with other followers of Jesus. Most of God's communication with followers today is through His written word. That is why it is so important to read and study His Word on a regular basis, not just once in a while. If we want to experience intimacy with God, we must be consistent in our communication with Him.

- **Hebrews 1:1-2** God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth.

However, God sometimes speaks to His followers directly, and when he does, we need to be able to discern His voice, and hear Him clearly. This is especially important since God does not speak to us in an audible voice. In other words God does not speak to us the way other human beings speak to us. So, if we don't know what God's voice sounds or feels like, then we certainly cannot identify when He is speaking to us. Most important is that God's perspective is a spiritual prospective, which mean he speaks to the spirit that is within us. Thus we must be born again of the spirit of God to hear Him when He speaks, the natural or human census cannot comprehend the matters of God. In the bible humanity is referred to as flesh, the Word of God says that no flesh is justified in the sight of God, thus no human can enter into the presence of God. When God speaks to his followers today, He speaks to them through His spirit, remember that our communication here on earth to God which is in heaven is through the Holy Ghost which God the Father sent to earth to serve as a comforter.

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- **John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- **1Corinthians 2:14-16** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.
- **Romans 3:20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
- **John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost would never speak to a disciple of Jesus Christ in any way that would contradict the Word of God written in the Holy Bible. I am aware that many people claim to hear the voice of God telling them to do something that is totally in opposition to the Word of God. In this case, what the person is hearing in their spirit is not coming from the Comforter, but rather from a liar and a deceiver. For this reason, we must always test what we think we hear in our spirit, if what we believe we heard does not completely line up with the Word of God, then it is not from the Comforter, its from a liar, known as the devil trying to separate the hearer from God.

- **1John 4:1-3** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.